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Public Safety Warning

High Surf Advisory, Dangerous Conditions Expected along Coast

A powerful storm system located thousands of miles away near Tahiti is generating powerful waves along Southern and Central California coastal waters affecting beaches facing to the south.

The National Marine Weather Service has released a warning statement.

Surf conditions at beaches that receive southerly swells will be prone to strong rip currents. The public is warned about these hazardous conditions that will affect swimming, wading, and other ocean sports and recreation. Please check your local state park office or lifeguard headquarters for the updated local information and conditions

There will be periods of long lulls between sets of waves and many areas may seem safe from large surf. The waves will arrive in sets of multiple waves with the strongest rip currents being generated at the conclusion of these sets. Watch from a distance, not up close and always swim near a lifeguard!

"Be preventative, be smart, and be safe out there," said Alex Peabody, Aquatic Specialist, Public Safety Division.

For more information about rip currents and ocean safety visit:
www.parks.ca.gov/aquaticsafety

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